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SUBJ: CASE OF FRANCISCO ADUM ADUM: STATUS REPORT

REF: STATE 184024; QUITO 5609

1. PARA 2 STATE 184024 ASKS QUESTIONS CONCERNING CASE OF
FRANCISCO ADUM ADUM. ANSWERS FOLLOW.

2. ADUM IS BACK IN THE PENITENTIARY. MILITARY GOVERNOR OF GUAYAS,
RENAN OLMEDO GONZALEZ, RECENTLY ISSUED STRICT ORDERS CURTAILING
TRANSFERS OF PRISONERS TO MEDICAL CLINICS. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
CONCERNING U.S. CITIZEN PRISONER, GOVERNOR TOLD CONGEN ORDERS ISSUED
BECAUSE SEVERAL PRISONERS HAD ABUSED MEDICAL TRANSFER PRIVILEGE AND
MENTIONED ADUM AS ONE OF WORST OFFENDERS.

3. PROSECUTOR IS STILL PREPARING HIS CASE AGAINST ADUM AND HAS NOT
PREFERRED CHARGES. NO TRIAL DATE SET. PROSECUTOR PREFERS NOT
ESTIMATE WHEN TRIAL WILL TAKE PLACE AND WILL NOT EXPRESS OPINION RE
TRIAL'S OUTCOME.

4. IN MY OPINION, MOST EFFECTIVE USG ACTION TO BRING MACHINERY OF
JUSTICE TO BEAR EFFECTIVELY ON ADUM CASE IS TO ASSIST ECUADOREAN
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AUTHORITIES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO BUILD A STRONG CASE AGAINST ADUM.

PRESENT CASE AGAINST ADUM IS WEAK. WE BELIEVE THAT IF HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN U.S. ON BASIS EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM NOW IN HANDS OF AUTHORITIES HE WOULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED MONTHS AGO.

5. WE ARE FOLLOWING THIS LINE OF APPROACH AND WE WOULD WELCOME ALL SUPPORT WASHINGTON IS ABLE TO PROVIDE. INFORMATION RE ADUM'S POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH ECUADOREAN DRUG TRAFFICKERS IN CUSTODY IN U.S. HAS BEEN REQUESTED TWICE. (GUAYAQUIL DO 106 PASSED TO REGION 2 AS DEA DOM0017 DATED FEB. 1, 1974, AND GUAYAQUIL 383 OF APRIL 19, 1974.) RESPONSE TO FIRST REQUEST (DEA 0819) GAVE US NO HELP. RESPONSE TO SECOND REQUEST (DEA 3002) REPORTED THAT SIXTO SALAZAR CARRASCO SAID HE DID NOT KNOW ADUM AND THAT CARLOS RAMIREZ VARGAS "IS PRESENTLY REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL AND AWAITING TRIAL, HENCE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO QUESTION HIM AT THIS TIME". IS IT NOW POSSIBLE TO QUESTION RAMIREZ? IF NOT, WHEN WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO DO SO?

6. PEDRO MORALES, A KNOWN ASSOCIATE OF PEDRO MIRANDA (AT PRESENT A FUGITIVE), WHO WAS ADUM'S CHEMIST, WAS RECENTLY ARRESTED ON NARCOTICS CHARGES FOR POSSESSION OF 360 GRAMS OF COCAINE. WE HAVE OBTAINED APPROVAL FOR DEA TO PASS INFORMATION AGAINST MORALES TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. THIS INFORMATION ALSO MAY FURTHER IMPLICATE ADUM AND WE HOPE WILL BE USED TO ENCOURAGE MORALES TO TESTIFY AGAINST HIM.
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